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## BEGIN AT HOME.

Dry Dollar Sullivan, the Bowery Congressman, announced on his return from London and Paris that he would quit Washington for his former seat in the State Senate. While his promise to represent his district "better than Daniel Webster could" has been carried out he did not find the Washington political atmosphere congenial.

If he had only followed Webster's example and displayed his oratorical talents in the halls of Congress he might have done better, for Dry Dollar Sullivan's speeches, though as opposite to Daniel Webster's as their respective constituencies, are forcible, brief and couched in a vocabulary that would hold the attention of any audience.

In surrendering a seat in Congress to return to the State Senate Mr. Sullivan has historical precedents of distinction. For many years the State Senate of New York contained a much more distinguished, notable and powerful body of men than the delegation from New York to the Federal House of Representatives.

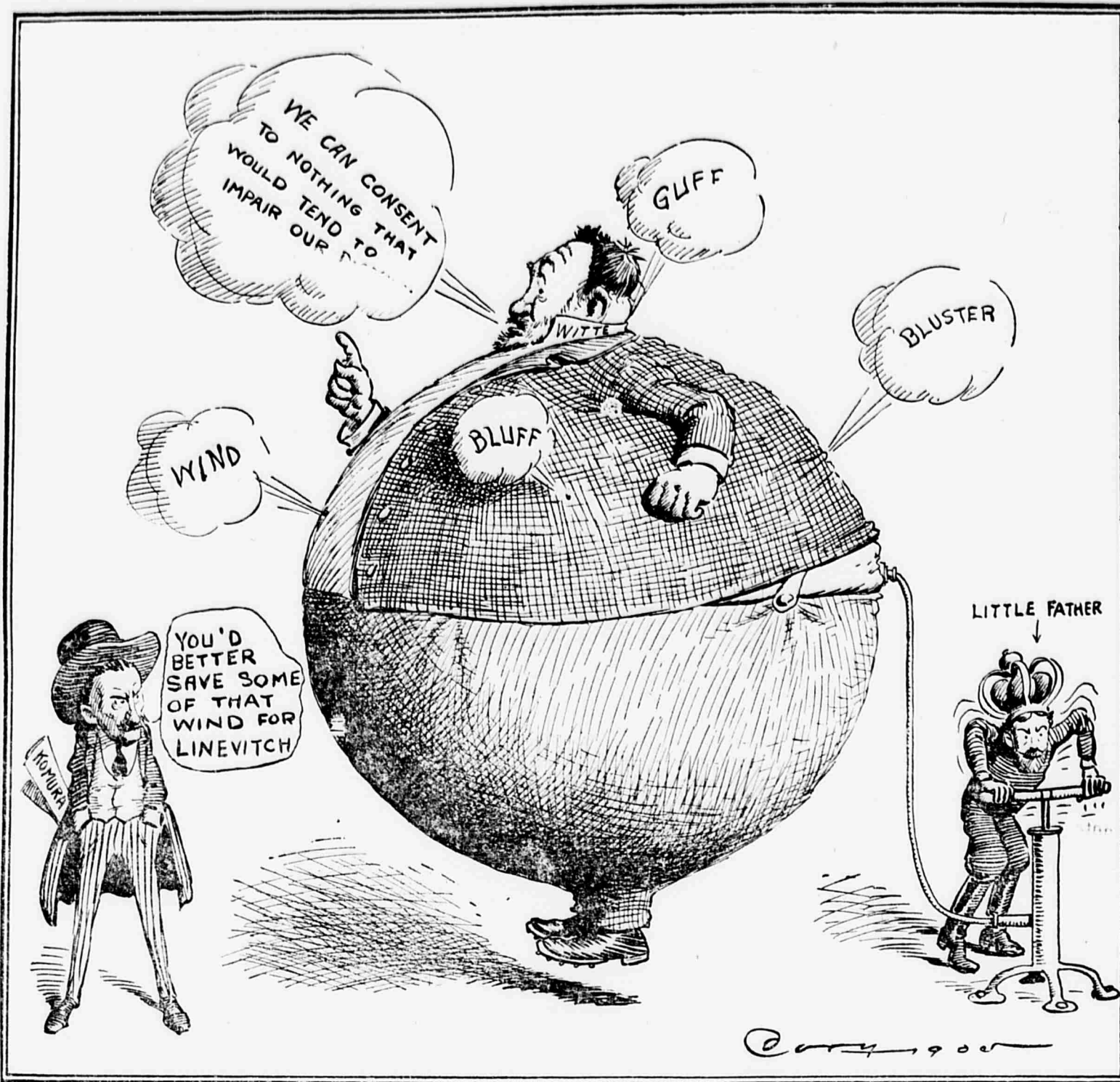
In New York's first Senate sat Lewis Morris, Pierre Van Cortlandt, William Floyd, Isaac Roosevelt, William Duer, Jellis Fonda, Alexander Webster, Levi Pawling and others of equal standing. The delegation in the House of Representatives did not compare with these men. So lightly did even the United States Senators from New York hold that office that of the first fourteen United States Senators from New York only four served out their terms, the others resigning or withdrawing.

In the early days after the Revolution few men of political prominence would accept a Federal in preference to a State legislative office. The affairs of their homes concerned them more than Federal affairs. The welfare of their neighbors was nearer their hearts than the interests of the people of other States. The further away they got from their firesides the less concerned were they over public happenings.

In recent years the pendulum of political careers has swung too far in the other direction. The problems of the Bowery are not the tariff, foreign affairs, free rural delivery and the number of battle-ships in the navy, but the excise laws and the tenement, health and police regulations; not the irrigation of the West, but the policy of the District-Attorney and the Police Department toward the Bowery's aridity.

Are there no other districts besides the Bowery where the leading men could accomplish most by concentrating their energies at home? The government of the city of New York costs its citizens four times their share of the Federal Government's cost. The welfare of themselves is dearer to them than anything that goes on in the Philippines. More important things than charity should begin at home, and one of these is good government.

## A Trial Balloon--That's All! By J. Campbell Cory.



## Bread-and-Butter Wives.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



A YOUNG married man takes exception to a statement made recently in another department of The Evening World that a girl of sixteen is too young to marry. He cites in refutation his own experience of marriages at twenty-three to a girl of sixteen, who has since become the mother of five children and looks scarcely a day older than when he married her.

Now, a girl of sixteen is really not as much too young to marry as is the usual young man of twenty-four. And it is entirely in the girl's interest that they must both be considered too young to assume the responsibilities and cares of matrimony.

Before twenty-five or thirty a young man is not apt to know his own mind, matrimonially. He admires pretty nearly all women indiscriminately. Apropos of this a man told me a very amusing thing the other day.

"A young fellow of twenty," he said, "who was always raving over one girl or another devoted twenty minutes to telling me of the rare beauty of his latest discovery. When he got all through his ravings I said: 'By the way, Bill, is she black or white?'"

The very young man is fickle, unstable. He marries without due reflection or experience, and generally makes up the deficit afterward.

The girl of sixteen is equally undiscriminating. She is not apt to receive any very brilliant proposals, for men of judgment do not usually select bread-and-butter wives. She accepts the first proposal that she receives and often spends a lifetime regretting it.

The aforementioned Evening World reader has had an experience equally fortunate and unusual.

It is the wife of sixteen who has cause for repining, not the husband. For she has no youth. To have the care of one or two children before she is twenty means for her absolute slavery, which the very domestic woman may find altogether sweet and satisfying, but which to the woman with a wider horizon is insupportable.

It would be reasonable enough for the rich to marry young. But they are precisely the class addicted to late marriages.

Marriage at sixteen makes a woman old and settled at thirty in her feelings if not in her looks. For her husband merely serves to bridge the chasm between her last doll and her first baby, and then becomes simply a purveyor of shoes for it and the subsequent arrivals.

Her youth is a woman's rarest and best gift, and she who marries too early deliberately sacrifices that brilliant, iridescent bubble of romance for the pot-roast and cabbage of matrimony. Very often she doesn't realize her loss, but if she does she will sulk and in vain:

"Whither is fled the visionary gleam?"

Where is it now, the glory and the dream?"

## Said on the Side.

PLAN of a large cigar corporation to build a home for its bachelor employees will be followed with interest. In a manner the corporation is adapting the declining British custom of having clerks "live in," occupying quarters on the store premises. If the example were to be imitated by other corporations which are large employers the change brought about in living conditions would be a marked one.

Hippodrome elephant to have a de-cayed molar filled with gold. Size of the cavity suggests the appropriateness of a gold brick for the filling.

Bronx Zoo elephant, not to be outdone, is learning to play the harmonica. Trumpet would appear to be a more fitting instrument.

"Five hurt; chauffeur crazy." Novelty of the madness being that it happened after and not before the accident.

Clothes make the man. Well-to-do Connecticut youth who put on bobo garb as an experiment and was treated as one made no new discovery.

"An actor can't afford to grow fat." Says a matinee favorite. "One can't go around playing heroes with a waist measurement of sixty inches." Unless, of course, he has the stuff in him of which Coquellins are made.

Newport women desirous of getting thin are reputed to be abstaining from food, exercising three times a day and taking massage treatment. Easier way would seem to be to stand on a street crossing and dodge autos.

Woman who shot rival says the shooting is "all a blank" to her and she cannot imagine how it occurred. Sometimes happy so, though there are never any blanks among the cartridges.

Polar expedition planned from the Yukon. Hot summer there also?

Official surgeon engaged by the Oak Park Automobile Club of Chicago. Time probably approaching when every automobile club-house here will have its hospital attachment and ambulance surgeon.

A Weird Plaything.

OUT in South Providence the boys have a new instrument of torture and pleasure says the Providence Journal.

They take the cover from a large tin can, the larger the better, and bore a hole in the center of the cover. Through this hole they pass a string, and make the string longer or shorter, as they choose to have the instrument when in action closer or more distant from them. Then, taking the end of the string in their hand, they run down the street.

The cover starts rolling, and is soon clattering its way over the pavement, its position being determined by the tension of its edge and making more or less noise, according to the pavement over which it rolls. Careful handling of one of these instruments is arranged to give a boy the calm and pleasing countenance of a bulldog looking in the summer weather and to make the neighbors wish they could move to some blessed place where small boys are not.

A wooden box cover will answer the purpose as well, except in the matter of making noise—a fatal defect which results in the rejection of the instrument as a plaything. It is better than rolling a hoop, because hoop rolling is a girl's amusement, and girls is work for boys. About half a dozen of these covers, all rolling together, will make a nervous man take to the woods for the rest of his natural life.

Leonov appeared in a dark-blue costume and a round black hat. He caught me reared in the very act of smoking, for he came not from the side which I had expected him to come. Unadvisedly I rumpled the cigarette in my fist, burning my palm as I did so, and dropping a few sparks, together with ashes, on my new white dress.

Leonov, frightened, hastily extinguished the fire with his hand and said in a tone of stern reproach: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

"I did feel somewhat ashamed of myself, but I did not confess it to him. I boldly said, with forced sprightliness: 'Should one really be ashamed of smoking?'"

"It is not the smoking that you should be ashamed of, but the fact that you tried to hide that you were smoking." I did not even think of hiding it—I lied, as it seemed to me, out of self-respect.

"In that case why did you extinguish your cigarette with such application as to risk scorching your fingers and spilling your dress?"

"Because I did not want to smoke in your presence."

"Do you smoke in the presence of others?"

"Why do I deserve such an exception?"

"Because you said some time ago that..."

"I stopped short. I was about to say that I left off smoking because he could not bear the smoke, but recalling my promise to tell nothing but the truth, I would not reveal what he had said to me. Indeed, how could I confess to him that I will not want to smoke in his presence because he had announced to Katya that it would be repulsive to kiss a woman whose lips smelt of the back smoke?"

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